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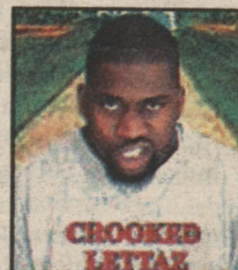


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It's the jump off...

Gospel explosion kicks off Homecoming festivities

By Monica Johnson
Panther Staff

The 2003-2004 Homecoming extravaganza kicked off on a high note with the Gospel Explosion Sunday in the MSC auditorium. The master of ceremony for the event was Anthony Coe, a Life Community Manager in University College.

The explosion was full of powerful singing and inspirational praise dancing. University College was well represented by its choir and praise dancers. The UC Gospel Choir kicked

off the show under the direction of Coe and YoShandra King. The choir was big in numbers and sound. UC's praise dancers, who won first place in the Phi Beta Sigma and the Zeta Phi Beta talent show, received a standing ovation on their mime to gospel recording artist Greg O'Quin's "I Told The Storm."

Houston gospel artist/songwriter V. Michael McKay participated in the event. He was very enthusiastic about his music and got the audience involved in his

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Photo by Ryan Brooks

The University College Gospel Choir performed at the Gospel Explosion held in the new MSC auditorium. The Gospel Explosion opened Homecoming events for the week.

Ghettopoly: racist or right?

By Miondria Clay
Panther Staff

David Chang, a Taiwanese American from Pennsylvania, stirred controversy when he created a board game called Ghettopoly. The game allows two to seven "playas," acting as gangsters, pimps, hustlers, and drug dealers to buy stolen property, pimp prostitutes, and build crack houses and projects.

Ghettopoly originally sold

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Courtesy of ghettopoly.com

The Ghettopoly Web site sells products, including lunchboxes, to the public. The logo contains blackface characters, reminiscent of a 1920s minstrel show.

Price clarifies role of Student and Enrollment Services

Dr. Doris Price, interim vice president for Student and Enrollment Services, has said that the appropriate university referral source for issues involving rape is the Division of Student and Enrollment Services.

In a statement issued to clarify any misunderstanding resulting from a story

published in this paper's Oct. 15 edition under the headline "P.E.A.C.E. Project Serves Rape Victims," Price said that the Division for Student and Enrollment Services is the administrative component of the university that is responsible for providing student support services that meets the needs of a growing,

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Sun. Oct 26

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Mon. Oct 27

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Tue. Oct 28

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MSU student pleads not guilty to rape

BOZEMAN (AP) — A Montana State University student pleaded not guilty Monday to charges he raped a fellow student in a dorm room earlier this month.

Vinnie Dale Red Star, 25, made an initial appearance before District Judge Mike Salvagni.

Red Star also faces one misdemeanor account of sexual assault and four felony counts of burglary. He is jailed on \$250,000 bail.

Red Star is accused of breaking into four dorm rooms in the early hours of Oct. 4 at the Johnstone Center residence hall on the MSU campus. The prosecution alleges that, in separate incidents, he raped one man and fondled another man who was asleep.

Police arrived at the dorm around 5 a.m. that Saturday and were told that Red Star had entered two other rooms, but had not sexually assaulted either resident.

The alleged victims were in their mid-20s, and one has since left the university.

Salvagni scheduled a bail reduction hearing for Wednesday. He also told Red Star that if he does post bail he is prohibited from entering the MSU campus.

•World•

Iran must convince leaders that its nuclear program is peaceful

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran must convince the international community that its nuclear program is peaceful, the British foreign secretary said, ahead of meetings Tuesday with his French and German counterparts and the clerical regime in Tehran.

With an Oct. 31 deadline for Iran to prove that it is not producing nuclear weapons, Jack Straw, Dominique de Villepin and Joschka Fischer hope to pile pressure on Tehran to comply with the United Nations' atomic energy watchdog.

Briefing reporters mid-flight from London to Tehran, Straw said Iran had "serious obligations" and must work with Mohammed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to allay international concerns.

"The situation is serious. The IAEA resolution which was passed on Sept. 12 by 34 votes to one imposed very serious obligations on Iran, and it is for Iran to show Dr. ElBaradei and the IAEA board that it is complying. Our trip is intended to encourage them to do so," Straw said.

U.S. working to ease visa process for Saudi businessmen

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The American government is working to ease the visa application process for Saudi businessmen as part of efforts to improve the investment environment for the Saudi capital, a senior U.S. trade official said

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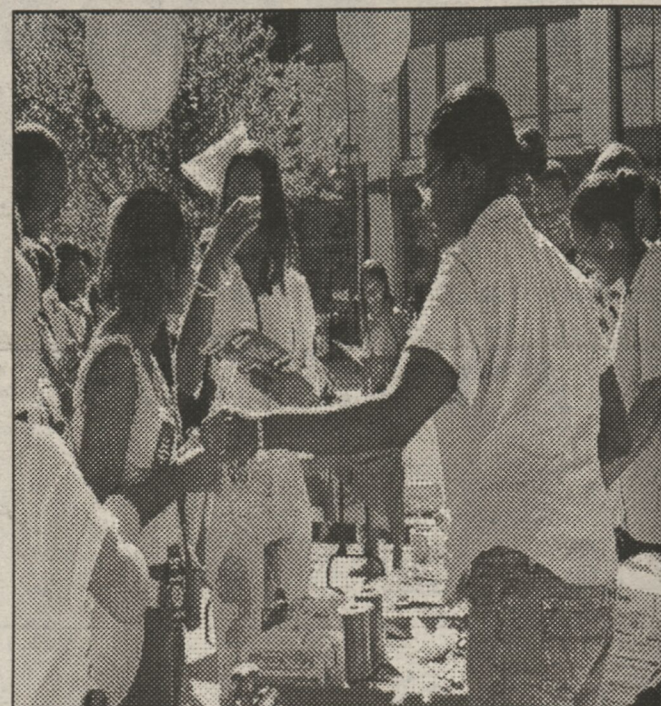


Photo by Christina Johnson

Students gathered outside the MSC Tuesday to participate in Red Ribbon Week, sponsored by the Division of Student Enrollment Services- Special programs.

Sunday.

U.S. Deputy Commerce Secretary Samuel Bodman said the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks resulted in some difficulties in the granting of entry visas to Saudi businessmen.

"We are working on avoiding these visa delays," said Bodman, on the last leg of a regional tour.

Bodman gave no details on what improvements were taking place in the visa granting process.

Senior Taliban commander captured in central Afghanistan, U.S. military says

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A senior Taliban commander key to the ousted militia's links with al-Qaida has been captured by coalition forces in central Afghanistan,

a U.S. military spokesman said Monday.

Mullah Janan, who had been the Taliban's coordinator with the al-Qaida terror network, was captured with the help of Afghan troops near Deh Rawod in the central province of Uruzgan.

Janan was observed leaving the area by coalition special operations forces and was brought under control at an Afghan Militia Force checkpoint.

Authorities have said that Janan has close ties with Osama bin Laden and might have knowledge of his whereabouts.

He is also believed to be responsible for a rocket attack in July on an American military outpost in Deh Rawod, Davis said. No damage or casualties were reported then.

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The Homecoming Challenge...



By Christina M. Johnson

Editor in Chief

It's homecoming at HBCUs across the nation and Prairie View is no exception to the norm.

In coming days, tons of RVs will be rolling onto

"the Hill" with alumni reminiscing about the good old days. The class of 1953 will be back in full effect to celebrate its 50th class anniversary. Vendors will be selling Greek paraphernalia, PV paraphernalia, and food all along University Drive. But the main reason that everyone returns to their once beloved home is for the football game (well...).

This weekend, I challenge the students to take time out from the parties, step shows, and other homecoming events to sit and talk with the alumni. Talk to them about the changes that have taken

place since they were students at Prairie View. Ask them how they feel about the university and what other changes can possibly be made to keep this university "an institution of the first class."

Granted, the alumni must do their part, too, by coming back to the campus more than one week out of the year. Of course, we love celebrating with the alumni at homecoming every year but we would love it even more if you would come to your former home and visit with the students on a regular basis. Believe it or not, you still have a voice on campus and

we would love for it to be heard. When important decisions are being made, you should be present in order to look out for the best interest of Prairie View. Alumni are an important part of any institution because they remind us of our purpose as the times change.

Furthermore, I challenge our new president, Dr. George Wright, to go out and meet with alumni. Get out and mingle with the crowd and learn the real truth about "the Hill" not what you've read in the historical documents.



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Come home



By Denise Cohen
Managing Editor

Welcome back Panther alumni and friends! As always Homecoming is a very uplifting event that showcases Panther pride and spirit. Not only does purple and gold reign during this time, but for alumni a sense of accomplishment joins them on campus as well.

I am sure you all have noticed the many changes here on campus since you've left. Gone is your precious dorm Fuller, and in its place? Since we have squashed the rumor of a Phase V housing expansion no one knows what is going into that big gaping hole where the courts once stood.

Also across from the All-Faiths Chapel, where a parking lot once stood, an architecture building is on its way. We are very grateful for this new addition to Pantherland, but I'm assuming in order to get to it you must park behind the old Science Building. Oh, that's Harrington Science to you alums.

Finally, in place of that old raggedy building that you once called the MSC now stands a lovely three-story structure full of financial aid problems and lack of activities for students. Alumni, we sure wish you had a part in all of the changes around here. We need you. Maybe we wouldn't be taken for granted with fee increases and parking tickets if you were here to step up for us. Come home, alumni, and be a part of the changes on the yard.

PV seminar to honor W.E.B. DuBois, the "Father of Black Studies"

Special to the Panther

Historians and black studies enthusiasts will gather Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the new Student Center for a seminar on the late W.E.B. DuBois, the "Father of Black Studies."

The seminar is the second hosted on the campus of Prairie View A&M University in celebration of the centennial of the "Souls of Black Folk," a revolutionary book written by DuBois. The public is invited.

Written in 1903, the "Souls of Black Folk" predicted the growth of the great color line problem, which is still in evidence in America's domestic and foreign policy. Before DuBois died in Ghana in 1963, he outlined solutions to the race problem in "Souls of Black Folk" and in over a dozen books he authored in his lifetime.

Mack Jones is the speaker for the seminar. Jones is a former chair of the

Division of Social and Political Sciences of PVAMU and a 2003 retiree of Clark University in Atlanta. The topic of Jones' discussion is "W.E.B. DuBois, the Father of Black Studies."

Jones and other scholars recognize and respect DuBois as a towering empiricist scholar and statesman who pioneered in the study of the African slave trade and the black south. The first black Ph.D. from Harvard, DuBois also inspired many other African American scholars through his W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro-American Research. Many scholars feel he should be used as a role model for both Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other schools as well.

The Prairie View A&M University seminar on DuBois is hosted by the Lyceum Committee of the John B. Coleman Library and the School of Architecture and Art with

the cooperation of Student Activities and Career Services Departments.

Harold Dorsey, associate professor of fine arts in the School of Architecture and Art, is among those who initiated the hosting of the DuBois seminar on the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He says "Historically Black Colleges and Universities have been remiss in not honoring W.E.B. DuBois." They have been afraid to discuss his philosophy because during the 1960s DuBois was caught up in the Red Scare of J. Edgar Hoover. He was handcuffed, jailed and charged with being a communist spy, but was later cleared by the courts."

"That," says Dorsey, "scared most college presidents and administrators who were and are following a post modern Booker T. Washington philosophy of education for black people, which DuBois had

denounced as an accommodationist ideology. You can't be scared and be a scholar at the same time."

Dorsey says DuBois holds special significance for Prairie View A&M University because he often visited the campus to see his friend, W.R. Banks, an early president of the University. The scholar frequently lectured before "The Organization of Black Land Grant College Presidents," during Bank's tenure as president of the organization.

DuBois advised the administrators that there should be no glass ceiling in the education of African Americans as there is none for white Americans.

The Prairie View A&M University seminar is part of an effort to restore DuBois to his "proper place at the center of Black thought," say the seminar's hosts.



PURPLE & GOLD POLL



Which Homecoming event are you looking forward to the most?

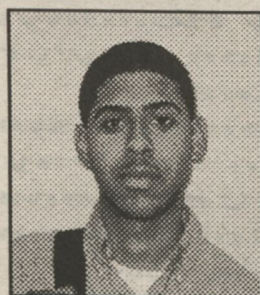


Chaneen Fidelia

Freshman/Nursing

"I'm looking forward to the step show and the after party; hopefully it will be nice."

By Kayla Barnett



Aydan Torabi

Junior/Communications

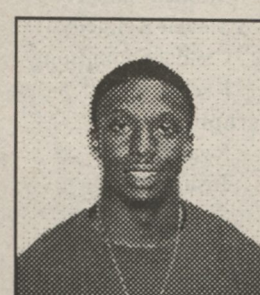
"I'm looking forward to the step show and the after party because they're always a lot people there; it'll probably be the crunkest thing on campus."



NaConda N. Cade

Junior/ Interdisciplinary Studies

"I'm looking forward to the Gospel Explosion, comedy show, and football game."



Donale Evans

Junior/ Finance and Management Information Systems

"I'm looking forward to the step show and hopefully seeing the after party last until it's scheduled."

FAMU Impeachment Overturned

Black College Wire

It's final. Larry O. Rivers is Florida A&M University's Student Government Association president, according to the university administration. Rivers' impeachment and removal from office was overruled by administrators late last week because the SGA Student Senate's impeachment "proceedings were unconstitutional," stated a verdict ruling issued by the Office for Student Affairs.

Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Greene-Powell said in a statement that actions taken against Rivers were not valid.

The Senate voted on Sept. 22 to impeach Rivers for what it called "malfeasance" of his duties.

On Oct. 1, the Senate heard Rivers' impeachment trial. Among other things, senators cited him for failure to appoint 17 members to the cabinet, lying to the Senate about appointments and falsifying documents. In the early morning hours of Oct. 2, the Senate found Rivers

guilty of six of the seven counts and ordered his removal as SGA president.

Greene-Powell's decision to keep Rivers in office is based on Article III, Section 10 of the SGA Constitu-



tion, which states, "impeachment shall be instigated by one-third (1/3) vote of the Student Senate membership." Article III also states that impeachment hearings are "tried before Student Supreme Court as a tribunal with the chief justice presiding."

After citing the constitution in her ruling,

Green-Powell stated, "the impeachment proceedings were not tried before the Student Supreme Court acting as a tribunal with the Chief Justice presiding. The Supreme Court did not even have a quorum."

Green-Powell also made reference to Article V, Section 2 of the constitution, which states: "Five justices shall constitute a quorum. The concurrence of the majority present shall be necessary to render a decision."

Earlier this week, Rivers said he had not stopped working for the students and would continue to do so.

"I'm happy we can put all of this behind us . . . and just concentrate on campus improvement," Rivers said Monday.

Senate President Michael Morton could not be reached for comment, but said last week at a Senate meeting regarding Rivers' appeal, "once a decision has been rendered by Greene-Powell, then the Senate will follow accordingly."

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population. Each unit of the division is responsible for developing and maintaining a comprehensive set of programs and activities designed to support student persistence toward graduation, she stated.

Price added that the daily management and administration of student support services is directed by the policies and procedures of the university and Texas A&M University System. Additionally, the strengths of the various units are measured by the guiding principles of the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education.

The interim vice president said the division is an integral part of campus life for all students and personnel within the division help students celebrate their successes as they progress toward graduation and assist when adversities such as rape affect the lives of students.

Price said rape is a serious crime and anyone who is a victim on or off campus should immediately report the incident to the police although often times a person may choose to seek the comfort and support of a close relative or friend.

"The vice president for student and enrollment services or the judicial officer in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety will refer victims to helping services as needed," she said. Such services may include the health center, counseling services, the P.E.A.C.E Project or other crisis intervention services, according to Price.

Price said the response and follow-up to incidents of rape is the responsibility of the Division for Student and Enrollment Services. She encouraged students and members of the university community to refer all reports or matters pertaining to rape to the interim vice president for Student Enrollment Services or Sanderson Woods, Office of Student Judicial Services.

Majors fair offers career paths

By Rachel Wells
Panther Staff

The University College Division of Academic Advisement is hosting the second annual majors fair Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

The major's fair, sponsored by the University College division of advisement, is designed to give students, who may have enrolled undecided, an idea of the majors and minors offered at Prairie View A&M University. Representatives from each department will set up tables with information and career specialists will be available to answer any student's questions.

Executive Director of University College Lettie Raab said the fair takes months to plan, but it gives students the opportunity to learn about PVAMU's programs. She said the UC advisors are forming

committees to make the second annual majors fair an even better event than last year.

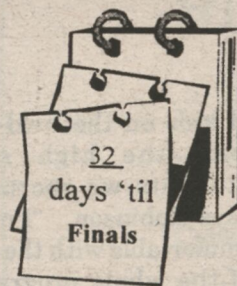
"We will work with many campus entities to make it happen, and many details are involved, everything from door prizes, to electrical outlets, to creating marketing and promotional handouts for faculty, staff, and students must be considered," Raab said.

Raab said she expects an estimated 1,500 students to be present. Last year, 800 students attended the fair.

"The casual atmosphere and relaxed setting helped students feel comfortable enough to ask questions regarding their academic futures," said a faculty participant. Contact Fred Bragg in the UC division of advisement at (936) 857-2306 for more information.



Weekly Update for Freshmen



- You must have a grade of 'C' or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for the spring.
- Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick THEA testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.

WELCOME BACK TO THE HILL - CLASS OF 1953!!

Track and field racing toward perfection

By Anjeanette Robinson-Mays
Panther Staff

After ending last year on a good note, the 2003-2004 PVAMU men's track and field team looks to enter this season with momentum and motivation.

This year's men's track and field team seems ready and focused. After losing only three athletes to graduation, (2 runners, 1 field event athlete) the Panthers returned all other members, including every member of its 400 meter (4x100) and 1600 (4x400) relay teams which qualified for NCAA regional last year in Lincoln, Nebraska. "Even though they lost important runners they refuse to let that hold them back.

Even though we lost some good runners, we'll do just fine, we just have to make some changes and adapt to them before the season starts," said Simon Mann.

However, the veterans of the squad come in with a totally new look. For the first time in their collegiate careers they show up for early season practices and team meetings without the presence of the late head coach Hoover J. Wright, who passed away during spring break last season.

Dealing with a loss like that is hard for most of the track team but instead of letting that break them, they use it as motivation on every track meet they attend this year. Members of the men's cross country team pay a quick visit to

Coach Wright's gravesite, located around the corner from Phase III and they pass it while running their three and a half mile workout run.

The men's track and field team has really stepped up its game since last year. This year seems to be the year things go right for the Panthers, seeing how the last seasons have been a real challenge for the team.

They have had a lot of ups and downs so the best things they can do are adapt and make a big change which they have already begun doing. The veterans on this team have stepped up very much not only dealing with the loss of their head coach but also dealing with the replacement process of graduating teammates.

Coach Clifton Dillard has now stepped into the head coaching slot and is

assisted by former PVAMU runners including all members of the school record holding 4x100 relay team. Both coaches and teammates have set their minds on being successful this year.

Adapting, for most of the team, is not hard. This year, due to the passing of their head coach, a new coaching style will take place, which includes new conditions and unfamiliar workouts.

Although this process can be quite grueling for most teams, it won't be hard for this new team to get off to an auspicious beginning.

This track and field team first united through teammates and coaches assisting one another. Then they came together as one unit. They

come together to practice, as their workouts are observed by other students who are hoping to one day make the squad.

The men's track and field team will reach its full potential once its long distance runners finish their promising cross-country season this fall.



Upcoming Athletic Events:

Soccer

PV vs. Texas Southern
Oct. 26
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Prairie View, TX
2 p.m.

Volleyball

PV vs. Texas Southern
Oct. 28
Baby Dome
Prairie View, TX
7:30 p.m.

Cross Country

PV International
Prairie View, TX
Oct. 24

Football

PV vs. Texas College
Blackshear Field
Prairie View, TX
Oct. 25
3 p.m.

Baseball team is optimistic heading into upcoming season

By Kimberly Morgan
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University's baseball team is preparing for this upcoming season. Players commenced practicing for the season that begins in January.

The team's 56 game season will open on January 30, as it takes on Jarvis Christian. Of the 56 games, 26 will be on the road. If the team makes it to the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament, their season will extend beyond May 1, as the extent of their season will be determined by how far they go in the tourney.

Head baseball coach Michael Robertson believes in the importance of academics first, followed by discipline. "I'm very excited about the upcoming season, I feel good about the mixture

of kids on the field along with the high school students we recruited," says Robinson. "I'm very comfortable with the depth of the whole program. I believe our perseverance and discipline will be the key to a successful season."

The team's rigorous training regimen features a three-hour practice, from 3-6 p.m. on weekdays, and anywhere beginning from as early as 5:45 to 7:30 a.m. Most of the time, whenever the team isn't on the field, they can be located in the weight room, which is adjacent to the baseball field.

Thus far, the team has played in two scrimmages, in which they've performed well. This adamant outlook is echoed by freshman Eric Johnson. "I feel that we are

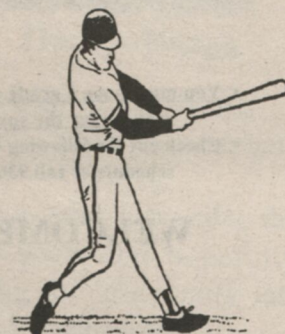
going to do big things," says Johnson. "I think we have the potential to have a breakout season." Junior pitcher Phil Gosserand says that this year's squad has improved and is more disciplined than last year. Words like these are a reflection of the team's positive energy.

There are certain criteria that must be met before becoming an official team member. Each member must score high enough on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or ACT to be declared eligible to play. In order to stay on the team, members must show up at practice everyday, keep their grades up, and meet the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

required grade point average.

Ninety-five percent of PV baseball team members receive some scholarship money. Some have full scholarships. Scouts have been in attendance at practices watching for player progress.

This Saturday the squad will be playing in an intrasquad scrimmage at the team's baseball field.



Athlete of the Week



Name: Catherine Burnley

Classification: Junior

Major: Marketing

Sport: Soccer

Position: Forward/Center Midfield

Claim to Fame: Scored twice in Lady Panthers 3-1 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Calverley, legendary URI coach, dies at 79

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Ernie Calverley, who starred as a basketball player for the University of Rhode Island and later coached the Rams to the NCAA tournament, died Monday after a brief illness. He was 79.

Nicole Gustin, a Rhode Island Hospital spokeswoman, confirmed the death.

Calverley was best known as the player who hit "the shot heard round the world," a buzzer-beating heave from beyond midcourt at Madison Square Garden that tied Rhode Island's first-round game against Bowling Green in the 1946 NIT. Rhode Island went on to win the game in overtime, eventually losing to Kentucky in the championship game.

Calverley led the nation in scoring in 1943-44, averaging 26.7 points as Rhode Island led the country at 78.8 points per game. He

was the MVP of the 1946 NIT and was selected to the NIT's 50-year team.

He compiled a 139-114 record as coach of the Rams from 1958-68, taking his teams to the NCAA tournament in 1961 and 1966. He retired as an associate athletic director at the school in 1985.

Calverley was inducted into the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island and New England sports halls of fame.

Calverley's funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Peace Dale Congregational Church at 261 Columbia St., South Kingstown. His burial will be private.

Calverley left an indelible mark on URI basketball. The hoops program is attempting to build itself back up to its glory days, as the Rams have been invited to the NCAA tourney only once since the 1998-99 season.

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CROSS INTO THE BLUE

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on Yahoo! has now reportedly been taken off the Web site and also removed from Urban Outfitters, a Philadelphia clothing store.

The cost of the game is \$29.95 (plus shipping and handling) and contains the game board, loan shark tray, 40 crack houses, 17 projects, pink slip cards, ghetto stash and hustle cards, 7 game pieces (Pimp, Hoe, 40 oz, machine gun, marijuana leaf, basketball and crack), counterfeit money, and 2 dice.

"Should we also ban every single comedian who cracks jokes about Asians?" Chang asked. "Is Jay Leno a racist because he made a comment about Asian people eating dogs?"

The Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Men United for a Better Philadelphia were among a crowd of demonstrators who protested against the board game. Chang released a statement Oct. 16 on his website, www.ghettopoly.com, that was not apologetic.

Although Chang continued to say throughout the statement that he is not a racist and that he embraces African-American culture, the board game makes jokes

about the "ghetto" and takes fragments of African-American history and changes them to use in the board game.

Chang uses 'blackface' characters to represent gangsters and drug dealers. Blackface was used in early 1900s minstrel shows. White actors and actresses would burn tar and apply it to their faces to make themselves look black. He also purposely changed the names of African-American leaders Malcolm X and Martin L. King Jr. to 'Malcum X and Martin Luthor King Jr.

"To your dismay, Hip Hop Culture is what I gravitate towards, so naturally when I decided to make a game, I wanted to give it an urban edge," said Chang in the statement published on his Web site.

Although the sale of the game has been stopped on Yahoo!, orders are still available via mail. Chang said he would use his legal resources to make sure that he is not prevented from selling his product.

PVAMU students who have heard about the game have mixed reactions.

Freshman computer information systems major Ashley Scott said she would

buy "Ghettopoly" and all the other variations of the game, because "regular monopoly is boring." She said she doesn't think the game is racist, but just an attempt to have some fun.

"Of course you will think it's racist if you don't have a sense of humor," Scott said.

However, other students don't find the game as amusing. Junior biology major Phyll Harrison said she doesn't think Chang understands the severity of the problem the game causes. "This is not fun and games, this is buying into the stereotype that we, as educated black people, are trying to stomp out. It is just not correct."

Junior music education major Lamorn Lawhorn said, "This is a stereotype that shouldn't be ignored. The media should catch a hold to this. If black people made a game called 'cracker-opoly' the U.S. would ban it before it was manufactured."

The creator of the games has said that he will release several more games similar to Ghettopoly: Hoodopoly, Thugopoly, HipHopopoly, and Redneckopoly.

Health Hints

FLU ALERT

Get a flu shot. It is the first line of defense. Each year in the U.S., influenza kills approximately 36,000 people and 110,000 more. In a bad year in modern times, it can kill as many as 70,000 people. In the U.S. more than 69 million work/school days are lost due to flu every year.

Flu shots have few side effects. But always talk to your health provider about any vaccination, especially if you have health problems, are pregnant or are planning a pregnancy.

Flu shots are especially recommended for most adults age 50 and older and people with weakened immune systems.

- * Chronic lung disease, such as asthma or emphysema
- * Diabetes
- * Chronic heart or kidney disease, or anemia
- * Depressed immune systems
- * Jobs that put you at risk, such as health care workers, police officers, etc.

How do I know if I have the flu? Sometimes a bad cold can be mistaken for the flu. Usually the flu causes less stuffy nose and mucus than a typical cold.

Symptoms include:

- * muscle aches
- * fever and chills
- * headache
- * dry cough
- * weakness

Flu shots are now available at the Ownes-Franklin Health Center for \$10 for PV students and \$20 for non-students. Call Ext.2511 for additional information.

By T.J. Pierre, Administrator
Health & Counseling Services

The 2003 King and Queen's Ball "Royalties of Purple Reign"

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Memorial Student Center Auditorium
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Reception featuring Phi Mu Alpha following

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Student hourly, work study offer financial freedom

On-campus jobs provide income for students

By Aaron Hamilton
Panther Staff

Since Sept. 11, 2001, unemployment has reached a record high and there have been various payouts, layoffs, and business closings. Many college students have not and will not receive financial aid.

Some students will have to get jobs to help pay for school. At Prairie View, we are fortunate to have jobs available to the student body.

According to the student employment administrator, Janetta Gilliam, there are two types of student employment on this campus: work study and student hourly.

Work-study is divided into two categories: Federal Work-Study and Texas Work-study. Federal work-study funds are completely provided by the federal government.

Texas work-study funding is provided by two separate sources.

Seventy percent of the funds comes from the state and the other thirty percent comes from the departments that hire university students.

Work-study is awarded through the financial aid office and the awarded amount is based on the information given on your Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA).

The second type of student employment, known as student hourly, is funded solely from university departmental budgets.

"Prairie View A&M University allocates \$1.4 million in work-study funds and has received this amount for the last five to six years.

They have averaged at least \$1,200 per semester on each student that receives work-study," said Gilliam. "There are approximately 650 students on Prairie View's campus that receive some form of work-study and there are approximately 200 students that receive student hourly on this campus."

Undergraduate students can work up to 20

hours per week while graduate students are allowed to 40 hours per week. Ms. Gilliam also states that new applicants must attend a mandatory orientation session and all student employees are required to fill out a timesheet.

Students are paid once a month and given payroll schedules. Students can pick up their checks at the cashier's window on the first floor of W.R. Banks.

"Our number one goal is to make sure that every student gets paid, but the student has to do his or her part," said Gilliam.

This means that students need to submit

their student payroll time records in a punctual manner to their departments and make sure that their computation or time is correct before submitting it.

Gilliam said university officials aim to create a positive work environment for students so they can develop skills and good work ethics for the real world.

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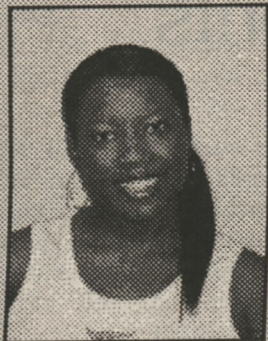
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Never Excited



By NiRoshia Smith
L&E Editor

Homecoming. Just the mention of it brings visions of full parking lots and RVs as far as the eye can see. It causes excitement in college students and alumni in the same way Christmas delights young children. The excitement from the alumni is self-explanatory, but I'm confused when it comes to current students. Students will let nothing stop them from dressing up and getting to the step show early, but if an AIDS awareness rally or a safety seminar is held, the numbers of those in attendance are slim to none. Everyone wants to know a month in advance who will be entertaining during the festivities. Why aren't you worried about the rising number of apartment thefts or the new president's plans for safety or financial aid? Who can stand and say that they attended the reading of the constitution, or have even met the new president or heard him speak?

Most alumni have no idea about the problems we're experiencing on campus, unless they know someone currently enrolled here. Oh, and giving back consists of more than buying tickets to the big game. An enormous gap exists among current students and alumni. I can't even recognize them until I see them wearing their T-shirts Saturdays at a Houston Wal-Mart. Why? Because they're never around.

I understand that many of you are active. Inspire someone close to you to do the same. Make time for your alma mater, just as you make time for everything else in your life. There's so much more to PVAMU than homecoming week.

Fashion show ignites Homecoming

By Sole Ivamu
Panther Staff

As part of the events marking homecoming a fashion show was held Monday, Oct. 20 in the Memorial Student Center auditorium. Although the student turnout wasn't quite what most expected, the show still went on.

The Campus Activity Board sponsored this year's show and Orok Orok and his trusted sidekick Corey Dixon hosted the show.

The show started with University College's very own J. Stone, performing an original piece called "Love J." For those who don't know him, Stone, a communications major, blew the crowd away two weeks

ago at the University College pageant.

Immediately after J. Stone's performance, the runway show began with upscale evening attire. Booker T. Harlan, a.k.a. "Pimp Juice," sported his famous plaid "Pimp Pants," followed by the Men's & Women's business casual. To end the session, the ladies strutted their stuff with women's sport and ready-to-wear gear from 5*7*9.

Although their outfits were adequate the runway lacked one thing: plus sizes.

"Don't get me wrong I love 5*7*9, but come on, this is the new millennium, big girls are in now. Instead of 5*7*9 it should be 10*14*18," said sophomore engineering major Dawana

Harris.

Each look was one of a kind, and the designer names were global. After intermission three PVAMU students showed real talent and original style by filling the stage with what they called "fashion and physique." First was Laticia with woman's wear called "Lady Latice" Marieka's was second with a description of bold, fun, and sexy attitude of style. Last, the Diva of the night was Chanel with "Damn Gear." Chanel, a fashion merchandising and design major, said he wants people to know that "individualism is everything. I bring out the old and try to improve it. It's all about improving," he said.

Marieka described her line as "something differ-

ent and for all sizes, ages, and groups."

Using a quote to describe her styles she said, "when ordinary needs to be extraordinary."

Students are creating new looks as often as new roles, and their designs show the evolution of style. Glitz and glamour do not even begin to describe the trends on stage that night. From classic traditions to contemporary trends, they showed it all. Despite the frequent delays, the show was successful.

All models were wearing the latest fall fashions from Suit Warehouse, Brooks Brothers, 5*7*9, Unique Women's Fashion, and P.V. student designers.

Ex-student banned From Homecoming

By Nicole Dorn
Black College Wire

Lavell Crump might have been student body president at Southern University back in 1996-97, but as rapper David Banner -- the reigning king of rap to many music listeners and hip-hop lovers-- his act isn't welcome at the school.

"Originally there was interest in bringing David Banner" for Southern's Homecoming concert, said Raymond A. Downs, vice chancellor of student affairs.

"There was an incident at one of the high schools, where a radio station passed out CDs with explicit language believed to be David Banner's music.

"I did not think it would be in our best interest to bring him to our campus. Our community would not understand. I was not in favor of bringing him to our concert," said Downs.

Many students at Southern feel they are adults, not high school students, so what does that incident have to do with them?

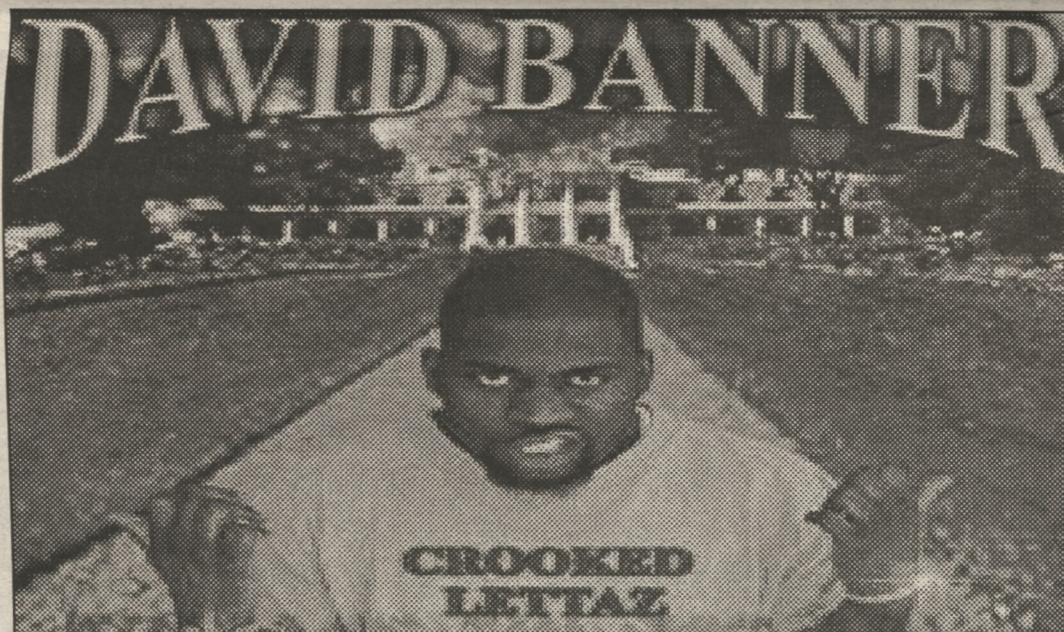


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Although he was a prominent figure when he attended Southern University, David Banner's explicit language has kept him from giving back to his school.

"Our freshmen are just a few months removed from high school. Freshmen and sophomores are those who attend most of our events," Downs said.

Some students disagree.

"It is unfair and it's not right that an alumnus and former student government president cannot come

back and showcase his talent," said Ottis E. Brown Jr., a junior majoring in computer science from Marrero, La.

Does this mean that the Jackson, Miss. native will never be able to perform at Southern?

"I think in the future, when we get past that situation, he'll be able to

come. We're always fighting a battle with rappers and comedians that come here. This is a college campus, we have to exert some supervision. We're responsible for the kind of things that happen on this campus," Downs said.

Judge orders rape trial for Kobe Bryant

By Jon Sarche
Associated Press

NBA star Kobe Bryant must stand trial on a charge of raping a 19-year-old Colorado resort worker, a judge ruled Monday, clearing the way for a celebrity trial the likes of which hasn't been seen since O.J. Simpson was in court.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett chided prosecutors for presenting "a minimal amount of evidence," but said it was enough to order the trial.

The Los Angeles Lakers guard could face a life sentence if convicted. His next appearance, in district court, is set for Nov. 10.

Bryant, 25, has said the sex was consensual. His attorneys suggested the woman's injuries came during sex with other men in the days before her June 30 encounter with Bryant at a posh resort in nearby Edwards.

At Bryant's first appearance in state district court on Nov. 10, he will be advised of his rights. of the

charge and of the possible penalties. He could enter a plea during that hearing. Unless Bryant waives his right to a speedy trial, the trial would be scheduled within six months of his plea.

Colorado law sets a relatively low standard of proof for ordering a case to trial and requires the judge to interpret evidence in a way that favors the prosecution. Although Gannett's nine-page ruling said prosecutors' evidence was minimal, blood on the woman's underwear and on Bryant's T-shirt suggested "submission and force." He also said a statement from the woman that she was raped, which has not been introduced in open court, couldn't be ignored.

"The court finds that the evidence, taken in a light most favorable to the prosecution, is sufficient to 'induce a reasonable belief' that defendant committed sexual assault as charged," Gannett said.

Sheriff's Detective Doug Winters testified the woman went to Bryant's room

at the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera shortly after checking him and his two bodyguards into the resort. The two chatted and began kissing. But a few minutes later, Bryant grabbed the woman by the throat, bent her over a chair and raped her, asking her several times not to tell anybody, Winters testified. She told Bryant "no" at least twice, and he stopped only after she pulled his hand off her neck, Winters said. The woman was left with vaginal tears consistent with assault and her blood was found on Bryant's shirt, Winters said. But he acknowledged under cross-examination by Mackey that the woman had sex with another man shortly before her encounter with Bryant. She also didn't tell Winters initially that she had said "no."

The defense argued that the semen and pubic hair found in the woman's underwear that wasn't from Bryant proves he is innocent of rape — an argument ridiculed by prosecutor Greg Crittenden. He said the

evidence of rape was "uncontradicted."

At trial, any discussion of the woman's sexual history could be limited by Colorado's rape shield law, unless Bryant's attorneys successfully argue the evidence fits into one of the few exceptions.

Prosecutors,

however, must convince a jury that a woman flattered by Bryant's attention had no intention of having sex with him as they kissed. Winters acknowledged she told him she expected Bryant to "put a move" on her when she accepted the invitation to his room.

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Panther Poetry Lounge

In the way of men
By Melody Barnett

in the way of men
life is black and white
we fight cause we know
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there is no in between
so you must lose
that I must win
in the way of men

we live by our will
and our desires are just
in finite minds
we exist cause we must
gods of this world
but insignificant the same
we gave up our souls
so Who do we blame?

1. What happened to the Homecoming budget?
2. How many people stayed to see BSM at the Gospel explosion?
3. Didn't you think Mr. Dickens was going to sing "Something inside so strong" when they handed him the mic?
4. Why did Chick-Fil-A hand out throwback KFC condiment packets?
5. Who still has enough points to know?
6. Why did the five-meal plan die with Alumni Hall?
7. Did the girls with the multi-colored hair have a line?
8. Why do alumni magically appear at Homecoming?
9. Will our parents' cars be towed this weekend?
10. How many people were in heavy rotation at the smoothie bar on poetry night?
11. Do you really think we can beat Texas College?
12. If the party is over early Saturday, won't this whole week be a joke?
13. Will the Block Beater be the best event this week?
14. Who still wears French rolls?
15. How many people are taking out loans for their pledge money?
16. Did you know you can get a flu shot at the clinic for \$10?
17. Did you know people can see your toes through your Melissas?
18. Who's not failing Spanish?
19. How many people with Greek letters are pregnant?
20. What do you think?

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performance. McKay invited many students on stage to sing with him. Prairie View A&M University's alumni also performed as a group called G.A.P. (God's Anointed People). The group consisted of exactly seven members, all alumni of the university.

The new wave of gospel music is gospel rap. Gospel rappers, made their place on the stage with their recognizable beats. Tupac's "I Aint Mad At Cha" and Missy Elliot's "Hot Boys" were two of the beats used in some of the gospel rappers songs.

Praise dancers from Greater St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church in Hempstead, Texas were

guests at the show also. Prairie View students, along with other members of the church, took the stage and showed their total praise as they danced off "Praise is What I do" by Shekinah Glory Ministry.

The last group to take the stage was Baptist Student Movement. Under the direction of Tedrick Timmons and Aniecea Thomas, the lively choir produced positive energy throughout the whole auditorium.

The Gospel Explosion was a great motivational event that started off the Homecoming week. The coordinators for the event were Yvette Barker and the Homecoming committee.

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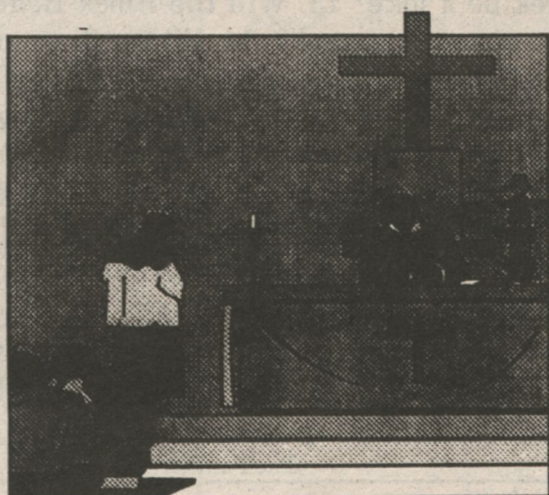
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